

**Table 1. Number and percent distribution of fatal occupational injuries
by event or exposure, California, 1994-98**

Event or Exposure	1998*		1997		1996	1995	1994
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Number	Number
Total	617	100	652	100.0	641	646	643
Transportation accidents	249	40.4	240	36.8	270	262	243
Highway accident	123	19.9	139	21.3	165	144	127
Collision between vehicles, mobile equipment	61	9.9	56	8.6	78	73	66
Vehicle struck stationary object, equipment	28	4.5	25	3.8	30	26	24
Noncollision accident	31	5.0	45	6.9	50	44	35
Nonhighway accident (farm, industrial premises)	17	2.8	24	3.7	29	41	27
Noncollision accident	13	2.1	23	3.5	24	37	25
Worker struck by vehicle, mobile equipment	47	7.6	40	6.1	37	45	43
In parking lot or non-roadway area	21	3.4	10	1.5	19	26	20
In roadway	15	2.4	18	2.8	11	10	15
On side of road	9	1.5	4	0.6	6	8	8
Aircraft	46	7.5	24	3.7	29	28	35
Water vehicle	13	2.1	9	1.4	6	3	7
Railway	2	0.3	3	0.5	3	1	4
Assaults and violent acts	147	23.8	174	26.7	185	194	196
Homicides	108	17.5	131	20.1	156	153	164
Shooting	92	14.9	111	17.0	125	123	139
Stabbing	5	0.8	9	1.4	11	12	14
Self-inflicted injury	39	6.3	42	6.4	27	39	28
Contact with objects and equipment	69	11.2	77	11.8	56	66	64
Struck by object	38	6.2	44	6.7	24	47	48
Struck by falling object	25	4.1	24	3.7	13	24	29
Caught in or compressed by equipment or objects	21	3.4	27	4.1	22	12	9
Caught in running equipment or machinery	5	0.8	14	2.1	9	9	5
Caught in or crushed in collapsing structure/materials	9	1.5	4	0.6	7	6	4
Excavation, trench cave-in	3	0.5	3	0.5	4	4	1
Falls	80	13.0	80	12.3	60	53	73
Falls to lower level	67	10.9	72	11.0	53	44	61
Fall from ladder	8	1.3	14	2.1	10	12	11
Fall from roof	24	3.9	20	3.1	16	9	13
Fall from scaffold, staging	10	1.6	9	1.4	5	2	8
Fall on same level	6	1.0	1	0.2	4	8	8
Exposure to harmful substances or environments	57	9.2	56	8.6	50	52	48
Contact with electric current	26	4.2	15	2.3	27	27	25
Contact with overhead lines	9	1.5	5	0.8	13	10	10
Contact with wiring, transformers, or other electrical components	8	1.3	7	1.1	5	8	10
Exposure to caustic, noxious, or allergenic substances	13	2.1	24	3.7	13	12	12
Drowning, submersion	9	1.5	12	1.8	6	7	9
Fires and explosions	8	1.3	22	3.4	14	18	16
Fires -- unintended or uncontrolled	6	1.0	13	2.0	7	7	11
Explosions	2	0.3	9	1.4	7	11	5

* Figures for 1998 are preliminary and will be updated as new cases are determined to be work-related.

Note: Totals may include data for subcategories not shown separately. Percentages may not add to totals due to rounding.

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